

We MUST keep the element 1 requirement for amateur operation below 30 mhz. This is a tradition that demonstrates a unique ability. Part of learning the morse code demonstrates a committment to the hobby and has kept out those who did not share the desire. If we eliminate the requirement Ham radio will become another "Citizens Band" The ARRL will lose maybe 30,000 to 40,000 members who are pro CW but it will gain 200,000 - 300,000 CB types. The ARRL will gain more members and the manufacturers will sell more equipment. Removing the code requirement is all about money. KEEP THE CODE!!! 73 Don